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CROP REPORT REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PUBLICATION OF REPORTS AND THE INFORMATION UTILIZED IN THE COMPILATION OF REPORTS, PREPARED BY THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, CONCERNING ACREAGES, CONDITIONS, YIELDS, FARM RESERVES, OR QUALITY OF PRODUCTS OF THE SOIL GROWN WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

These regulations shall be effective on and after January 1, 1926.

Regulation 1.—During the year 1926 the Bureau of Agricultural Economics shall publish on dates hereinafter specified, unless other dates within the particular months be prescribed by law or amendment to these regulations, and in the manner hereinafter specified, reports concerning the acreages, conditions, yields, farm reserves, or quality of products of the soil grown within the United States as follows:

1. On Saturday, January 30, 1926, 2 p. m., report on number and value of livestock on farms.
2. On Tuesday, March 9, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on stocks on farms and shipments out of country of corn, wheat, oats, barley, and rye.
3. On Friday, March 19, 1926, 3 p. m., report on intentions to plant spring-sown crops, except cotton.
4. On Friday, April 9, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on condition of winter wheat, rye, and pasture; also reports on condition in certain States of peaches, orange trees, lemon trees, and grapefruit trees.
5. On Saturday, May 8, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on area remaining for harvest, and condition of winter wheat and rye; stock of hay on farms; condition of hay, meadows, and pasture; and progress of plowing and planting. Also reports on condition in certain States of peaches, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, apricots, cherries, and almonds.
6. On Saturday, May 15, 1926, 11 a. m., revision of the report on acreage and yield of cotton in 1925.
7. On Wednesday, June 9, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on condition of winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, hay, pasture, apples, peaches, pears, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, apricots, cherries, olives, prunes, plums, almonds, and walnuts.
8. On Monday, June 28, 1926, 12 m., preliminary report for the Corn Belt States on the spring pig crop and intentions to breed for the fall pig crop.
9. On Friday, July 2, 1926, 12.30 p. m., report on acreage, condition, and probable production of cotton.
10. On Saturday, July 10, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on stocks of wheat on farms, acreage and condition of corn, winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flax, rice, grain sorghums, tame hay, dry edible beans, soy beans, peanuts, cowpeas, velvet beans, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tobacco, sugar cane, sugar beets, broomcorn, hops, condition of pasture, lima beans, apples, peaches,

pears, grapes, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, limes, apricots, cherries, figs, olives, pineapples, prunes, plums, almonds, pecans, and walnuts.

11. On Friday, July 23, 1926, 11 a. m., report on condition and probable production of cotton.

12. On Thursday, July 29, 1926, 3 p. m., report on preliminary estimates of production of wool in 1926.

13. On Monday, August 9, 1926, 11 a. m., report on condition and probable production of cotton.

14. On Tuesday, August 10, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on preliminary estimates of production of winter wheat and rye; reports of stocks of oats and barley on farms; condition of corn, spring wheat, oats, barley, buckwheat, flax, rice, grain sorghums, hay, pasture, dry edible beans, lima beans, soy beans, peanuts, cowpeas, velvet beans, apples, peaches, pears, grapes, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, limes, apricots, figs, olives, pineapples, prunes, plums, almonds, pecans, walnuts, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tobacco, sugar cane, sugar beets, broomcorn, and hops.

15. On Tuesday, August 17, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on intentions to plant winter wheat and rye.

16. On Monday, August 23, 1926, 11 a. m., report on condition and probable production of cotton.

17. On Wednesday, September 8, 1926, 11 a. m., report on condition and probable production of cotton.

18. On Friday, September 10, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on preliminary estimates of production of timothy hay, apricots, and plums; condition of corn, spring wheat, oats, barley, buckwheat, flax, rice, grain sorghums, hay, clover seed, pasture, dry edible beans, Lima beans, soy beans, peanuts, cowpeas, velvet beans, apples, peaches, pears, grapes, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, limes, figs, olives, prunes, almonds, pecans, walnuts, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tobacco, sugar cane, sugar beets, broomcorn, and hops.

19. On Thursday, September 23, 1926, 11 a. m., report on condition and probable production of cotton.

20. On Friday, October 8, 1926, 11 a. m., report on condition and probable production of cotton.

21. On Saturday, October 9, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on preliminary estimate of production of spring wheat, oats, barley, hay, dry edible beans, Lima beans, peaches, prunes, broomcorn, and hops; condition of corn, buckwheat, flax, rice, grain sorghums, timothy seed, clover seed, alfalfa seed, pasture, soy beans, peanuts, cowpeas, velvet beans, apples, pears, grapes, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, limes, figs, olives, almonds, pecans, walnuts, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tobacco, sugar cane, and sugar beets.

22. On Monday, October 25, 1926, 11 a. m., report on condition and probable production of cotton.

23. On Monday, November 8, 1926, 11 a. m., report on probable production of cotton.

24. On Wednesday, November 10, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on preliminary estimate of production of corn, buckwheat, rice, flaxseed, grain sorghums, clover seed, soy beans, peanuts, cowpeas, velvet beans, apples, pears, grapes, figs, almonds, pecans, walnuts, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tobacco; condition of oranges, lemons, grapefruit, limes, olives, sugar cane, sugar beets, and sorgo for sirup; weight per measured bushel of grains.

25. On Monday, November 22, 1926, 11 a. m., report on probable production of cotton.

26. On Wednesday, December 8, 1926, 11 a. m., report on preliminary estimate of production of cotton.

27. On Saturday, December 18, 1926, 4 p. m., reports on acreage, production, and value, December 1, of corn, winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flaxseed, rice, grain sorghums, hay, clover seed, dry edible beans, peanuts, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tobacco, sugar cane, sugar beets, sorgo for sirup, broomcorn, hops, and commercial truck crops; production and value of apples, peaches, pears, grapes, oranges, and cranberries; also reports for certain States on preliminary estimates of production of oranges, lemons, grapefruit, and limes.

28. On Tuesday, December 21, 1926, 3 p. m., reports on acreage and condition of fall-sown winter wheat and rye for harvest in 1927.

29. On Thursday, December 23, 1926, 12 m., preliminary report for the Corn Belt States of the fall pig crop, and intentions to breed for the spring crop of 1927.

Regulation 2.—The contents and every part of the contents of each and every report specified in regulation 1, and the information and every part of the information utilized in the preparation of each and every such report, shall be withheld from publication until the time specified for the publication of the report by regulation 1 or such amendments thereto as may be made from time to time.

Regulation 3.—The Secretary of Agriculture, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, such person as may be designated for the time being as Acting Secretary of Agriculture, the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, members of the Crop Reporting Board, and employees actually engaged at the time in aiding the Crop Reporting Board in the preparation of the particular report or reports shall be entitled to receive, in advance of the publication of each of the reports specified regulation 1, information concerning the contents thereof, but no officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture, or person acting in any capacity under or by virtue of the authority of the Department of Agriculture, who, by virtue of the office, employment, or position held by him, shall become possessed of any information concerning the acreages, conditions, yields, farm reserves, or quality, or any other information which might exert an influence upon or affect the market value of any products of the soil dealt with by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and specified in regulation 1, shall willfully impart such information, or any part thereof, directly or indirectly, before the official release of such information to the public, to any other officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture, or person acting in any capacity under or by virtue of the authority of the Department of Agriculture, excepting the officers and employees of the Department of Agriculture hereinbefore named as entitled to receive such information in advance, or to any other person whomsoever.

Regulation 4.—These regulations may be amended at any time by order of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Regulation 5.—The Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics shall deliver a copy of these regulations, copies of such amendments thereto as may be made from time to time, and copies of sections 123 and 124 of the act of March 4, 1909 (35 Stat. 1110), to every officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture, or person acting in any capacity under or by virtue of the authority of the Department of Agriculture who, by virtue of the office, employment, or position held by him may become possessed of any information concerning the

acres, conditions, yields, farm reserves, or quality, or any other information which might exert an influence upon or affect the market value of any products of the soil dealt with by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and specified in regulation 1, and take his receipt therefor. Every such copy shall contain an accurate description of these regulations, of sections 123 and 124 of the act of March 4, 1909 (35 Stat. 1110), or of amendments to those regulations, as the case may be, and shall be recorded and filed in the office of the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

W. M. JARDINE,
Secretary of Agriculture.

**EXTRACT FROM THE PENAL LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, APPROVED
MARCH 4, 1909**

“SECTION 123. Whoever, being an officer or employee of the United States or a person acting for or on behalf of the United States, in any capacity under or by virtue of the authority of any department or office thereof, and while holding such office, employment, or position shall, by virtue of the office, employment, or position held by him, become possessed of any information which might exert an influence upon or affect the market value of any product of the soil grown within the United States, which information is by law or by the rules of the department or office required to be withheld from publication until a fixed time, and shall willfully impart, directly or indirectly, such information, or any part thereof, to any person not entitled under the law or the rules of the department or office to receive the same; or shall, before such information is made public through regular official channels, directly or indirectly speculate in any such product respecting which he has thus become possessed of such information, by buying or selling the same in any quantity, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both: *Provided*, That no person shall be deemed guilty of a violation of any such rule unless prior to such alleged violation he shall have had actual knowledge thereof.

“SECTION 124. Whoever, being an officer or employee of the United States and whose duties require the compilation or report of statistics or information relative to the soil, shall knowingly compile for issuance, or issue, any false statistics or information as a report of the United States shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.”

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